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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 2020 NESA APPLICANTS

FROM: NESA Director

SUBJECT: 2020 NESA Cancellation

1. The NESA Command team feels it is in the best interest of our applicants and staff to cancel the 2020 National Emergency Services Academy at Camp Atterbury at this time. As much as it pains us to not have the activity, it would pain us more to deal with the consequences the COVID-19 virus could inflict on our members. We also have concerns with members travelling across the nation to attend and potentially providing an avenue for the virus to spread further.
2. Risk is nothing new to emergency services training and we always weigh the benefit to risk in everything we do, do our best to mitigate those risks, and provide a safe training environment for our members. With so many unknowns and wide variations of information, we don't feel we can properly mitigate the unknown circumstances of the COVID-19 situation. Even if the cases would diminish, there could be another outbreak during the activity which could leave participants ill or quarantined far from home and their loved ones.
3. We are not alone in these concerns. Many other CAP activities have had to cancel or re-schedule to keep our members safe. The Department of Defense issued a travel ban for military members through June, and many schools, universities, sports, and other events have cancelled events through the summer.
4. I appreciate all the work the staff has put into preparing for this year's activity and all of you students that had signed up dedicating part of your summer in advancing your emergency services skills to better serve your community and nation. Those that have registered and paid for this year, we will work at getting refunds to you as soon as possible. We look forward to serving you in the future and are already working on next year's program. We will let you know as soon as we can confirm 2021 NESA dates.

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